1 2 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 3 5 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2013-15 **DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER** SHARON ROMAN a.k.a. Sharon Louise Roman 7 P.O. Box 116 [Gov. Code, §11520] **Gilroy, CA 95021** 8 Registered Nurse License No. 557334 9 RESPONDENT 10 11 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 On or about July 5, 2012, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her official 1. 14 capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of 15 Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2013-15 against Sharon Roman aka Sharon Louise Roman (Respondent) before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit 16 17 A.) On or about July 23, 1999, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued 18 19 Registered Nurse License No. 557334 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 20 21 31, 2012, unless renewed. 22 On or about July 5, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2013-15, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for 23 Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's 24 25 address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 and/Title 16, California Code of Regulation, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and maintained with the 26 27 Board, which was:

P.O. Box 597, Salinas, CA 93902.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
 - 5. On or about August 8, 2012, the Certified Mail documents were returned, and on September 10, 2012, the First Class Mail documents were returned, both marked by the U.S. Postal Service, "Unable to Forward, Return to Sender." On September 25, 2012, Respondent changed her address with the Board and on or about October 1, 2012, Respondent was re-served to her current address of record which is: P. O. Box 116, Gilroy, CA 95021. On or about October 22, 2012, the signed Certified Mail Receipt was returned to our office indicating a delivery date of October 9, 2012.
 - 6. Business and Professions Code section 2764 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

- 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of the Accusation upon her, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2013-15.
 - 9. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Sharon Roman aka Sharon Louise Roman has subjected her following license(s) to discipline:
 - Registered Nurse License No. 557334
 - The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default. 2.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's license(s) based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case.
 - Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a) Unprofessional a. Conduct.
 - Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a)(1) b. Unprofessional Conduct, Gross Negligence.
 - Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2762(e) Falsify, or make c. grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to a controlled substance.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 557334, heretofore issued to Respondent Sharon Roman aka Sharon Louise Roman, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on <u>March 8, 2013</u>

It is so ORDERED February

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Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2013-15

Accusation No. 2013-15

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9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2013-15
12	SHARON ROMAN, aka ACCUSATION
13	SHARON LOUISE ROMAN
14	Post Office Box 597 Salinas, CA 93902
15	Registered Nurse License No. 557334
16	Respondent.
17	Complainant alleges:
18	PARTIES
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
20	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
21	of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about July 23, 1999, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse
23	License Number 557334 to Sharon Roman, aka Sharon Louise Roman (Respondent). The
24	Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25_	in this Accusation and will expire on December 31, 2012, unless renewed.
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual certified or licensed nursing functions."
 - 7. Section 2762 of the Code states:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

"(e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section."

COST RECOVERY

8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

DRUGS

- 9. "Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone" (Norco) is an opiod analgesic used to relieve moderate to severe pain. It is a Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (e)(4) and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 10. "Morphine Sulfate" is an opiod analgesic used to relieve moderate to severe pain. It is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(L) and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 11. "Omnicell" is a computerized management, storage, and medication dispensing system/machine. It is a medication cart/unit containing all medications used throughout a hospital. Each Omnicell is linked to the main computer maintained by the Hospital's Pharmacy Department where all Omnicell information is stored. Medical staff are given access to the Pyxis via an assigned password selected by each medical employee.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Grossly Incorrect and/or Grossly Inconsistent Entries in Patient Records)

12. Respondent has subject her license to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined in section 2762, subdivision (e) in that on or about September 19, 2010, while employed as a registered nurse at Doctors Medical Center in San Pablo, California, Respondent made grossly incorrect, or grossly inconsistent entries in hospital and patient records pertaining to a controlled substance and/or dangerous drug in the following respects:

A. Patient P.B.¹

1. On or about September 19, 2010, at 8:50 p.m., Respondent withdrew from Omnicell, two tablets of Norco 5-325 mg for patient P.B. Respondent failed to chart or otherwise account for the administration or wastage of the two tablets of Norco.

B. Patient S.E.

- 1. On or about September 19, 2010, at 4:04 p.m., Respondent withdrew from Omnicell, 2 syringes of 4 mg Morphine Sulfate for Patient S.E. Respondent documented the wastage of one mg Morphine Sulfate at 4:11 p.m. Respondent documented the administration of 3 mg Morphine Sulfate to Patient S.E. at 4:15 p.m. Respondent failed to chart or otherwise account for the administration or wastage of one syringe of 4 mg Morphine Sulfate.
- 2. On or about September 19, 2010, at 7:03 p.m., Respondent withdrew from Omnicell, two additional syringes of 4 mg Morphine Sulfate for Patient S.E. Respondent documented the return of one 4 mg syringe of Morphine Sulfate and the wastage of one 4 mg syringe of Morphine Sulfate. Respondent charted the administration of 3 mg of Morphine Sulfate to Patient S.E. at 7:15 p.m. Respondent failed to document or otherwise identify the source of the 3 mg of Morphine Sulfate that was administered to patient S.E.
- 3. On or about September 19, 2010, at 10:57 p.m., Respondent withdrew from Omnicell, one additional syringe of 4 mg Morphine Sulfate for Patient S.E. Respondent documented the administration of 3 mg Morphine Sulfate to Patient S.E. at 11:00 p.m. Respondent failed to chart or otherwise account for the administration or wastage of 1 mg Morphine Sulfate.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Gross Negligence)

13. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(1) on the grounds of gross negligence based on the acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraph 12, above.

¹ The patient names will be released to Respondent pursuant to a request for discovery.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Incompetence)

14. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(1) on the grounds of incompetence based on the acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraph 12, above.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 557334, issued to Sharon Roman, aka Sharon Louise Roman;
- 2. Ordering Sharon Roman, aka Sharon Louise Roman to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: July 5, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Interim Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

State of California Complainant

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